



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter.

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2007-0090 Proclamation Honoring Ruth Keyes

Proclamation - TC

PROCLAMATION HONORING RUTH KEYES

IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2007-0091 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Committee of the Whole of April 3, 2007, are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2007-0076 Health and Human Services/Met Life Grant

Referral

2007-0082 Revaluation Phase-In in Accordance with PA 06-176 and PA 06-148

Referral

2007-0084 Connecticut Section of PGA Foundation Grant

Referral

2007-0086 Mystic Rotary Club Grant - Arts Cafe

Referral

2007-0092 Reappointment of Robert Morrison to Permanent School Building Committee

Referral

2007-0093 Reappointment of Michael D. Kane as an Alternate to the Planning Commission

Referral

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2007-0095	Reappointment of Dale J. Grenstiner to the Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2007-0096	Reappointment of June DeCarlo to the Fair Rent Commission	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2007-0083	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Richard Conant - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Eileen Flynn - \$9.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Suzanne E. Scheurer - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Peter Hines - \$4.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Paul Schmidt - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Doris Navan - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Marlynn O'Donnell - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Denyce Thomson - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Bonnie Wardle - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Various Donations - \$563.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program (GAP)

Matching Funds - City of Groton - \$1,376.10 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program (GAP)

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman O'Beirne**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Scott**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter**
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2007-0076 Health and Human Services/Met Life Grant Referral**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A QUALITY-OF-LIFE PROGRAM FOR ARTHRITIS**

WHEREAS, arthritis is reported to be the leading cause of disability in the United States and is therefore a focus of the Federal 2010 Health Initiative, and

WHEREAS, MetLife and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Programs of the US Department of Health and Human Services offer grants through the Healthy People program, and

WHEREAS, a grant would enable the Groton Senior Center to offer both day and evening programs in Tai Chi, for the education and relief of arthritis sufferers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a Federal grant of \$4,950 for a program at the Groton Senior Center.

Legislative History

3/27/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
4/10/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0082 Revaluation Phase-In in Accordance with PA 06-176 and PA 06-148 Referral**RESOLUTION TO PHASE IN A REVALUATION AND REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town has completed a revaluation of all real property for the 2006 Grand List, and

WHEREAS, the residential real estate portion of the 2006 Net Grand List increased from 49.1% of the 2005 Grand List to 57.0 % of the 2006 Net Grand List, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council seeks to minimize the impact of the 2006 revaluation on residential real estate owners, and

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 06-148 permits the legislative body of a town to gradually increase the assessments over a period not to exceed five years, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council desires to implement a three year phase-in of the revaluation assessments pursuant to Section 12-62c (b) (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act No. 06-148, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the assessment of each parcel of real property on the 2005 Grand List shall be subtracted from the 2006 Grand List revaluation assessment, and the annual amount of the incremental assessment increase for each such parcel shall be the total of such subtraction divided by the three years of the phase-in term.

Legislative History

3/27/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
4/10/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0084 Connecticut Section of PGA Foundation Grant Referral**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PGA FOUNDATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Connecticut section of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) offers grants for innovative programming, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton's Shennecossett Golf Course could be more accessible to physically disabled golfers with a specially adapted single rider golf cart, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Department of Parks and Recreation has informed us that very few public golf courses offer this accommodation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a PGA Foundation grant of up to \$9,000.

Legislative History

4/2/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
4/10/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0086 **Mystic Rotary Club Grant - Arts Cafe** **Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT FOR THE MYSTIC ARTS CAFÉ

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Parks and Recreation department has, for a number of years, produced events known as the Mystic Arts Café, being largely funded by outside grants, and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Rotary Club provides grants for beneficial public events and services within the Mystic area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a grant of \$700 from the Mystic Rotary Club.

Legislative History

4/3/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
4/10/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2007-0030 **Introduction of Senior Center Expansion Ordinance** **Ordinance**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,310,000 FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

Section 1. That the sum of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000) is appropriated for renovations and additions to the Groton Senior Center. The project shall include (1) additions for new administrative offices and activity classrooms, (2) addition to house a new aqua therapy center and changing rooms, (3) additions of a new computer room, music room, and exercise and fitness rooms, (4) renovations and additions for kitchen facilities, (5) renovations to the existing multi-purpose room, including a stage, (6) renovations and additions for the entry vestibule and lobby, and (7) renovations and additions to house various activities, including arts and crafts, ceramics, cards and games, health screening, special programs, a senior store, toilets and electrical, mechanical and storage rooms. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, materials, site improvements, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town Council may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes, in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town of Groton. The Town does hereby covenant and agree with the holders of the bonds or notes and all notes issued in anticipation

of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds or notes that in each year while any such bonds or notes are outstanding, it will levy and collect ad valorem taxes upon all taxable properties within the Town in an amount sufficient, with such other funds of the Town as shall be available for such purpose, to pay the interest and principal on the bonds or notes as the same become due and payable.

Section 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,310,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town, payable as provided in Section 2. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

Section 4. That the Town Council shall determine the amount of bonds or notes authorized by Section 2 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance shall determine the amount of any temporary notes authorized by Section 3 to be sold. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine the dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

Section 7. That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective only if it has been adopted by vote of not less than five (5) members of the Town Council and by the Representative Town Meeting, and only if the appropriation set forth in Section 1 and the issuance of bonds and notes to finance said appropriation have been approved by the voters at referendum in accordance with Section 8.12 of the Town Charter, and notice of passage has been published in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter.

Legislative History

4/10/2007 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2007-0031 Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Senior Center
Expansion Ordinance**

Resolution

\$13,310,000 FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Senior Center Expansion Ordinance on May 1, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

Legislative History

2/13/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

4/10/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0035 CGS 8-24 Referral to Planning Commission of Senior Center Expansion Ordinance Referral

RESOLUTION REFERRING "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,310,000 FOR ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE GROTON SENIOR CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION" TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER CGS 8-24

RESOLVED, the Town Council refers to the Groton Planning Commission, under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the proposed SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION ORDINANCE.

Legislative History

2/13/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

4/10/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

2007-0092 Reappointment of Robert Morrison to Permanent School Building Committee Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT MORRISON TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Robert Morrison, 325 Ridgewood Drive, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term expiring 9/26/2009.

2007-0093 Reappointment of Michael D. Kane as an Alternate to the Planning Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL D. KANE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS AN ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that Michael D. Kane, 52 Jupiter Point Road, is hereby reappointed as an Alternate to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2011.

2007-0094 Reappointment of Raymond S. Munn to the Planning Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RAYMOND MUNN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Raymond S. Munn, 26 Middlefield Street, Groton Long Point, is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2011.

2007-0095 Reappointment of Dale J. Grenstiner to the Board of Assessment Appeals Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DALE J. GRENSTINER AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Dale J. Grenstiner, 246 Baker Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals as an Alternate, for a term expiring 12/31/2009.

2007-0096 Reappointment of June DeCarlo to the Fair Rent Commission Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUNE DECARLO TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that June DeCarlo, 16 Eastwood Road, is hereby reappointed to the Fair Rent Commission, for a term expiring 7/01/2009.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT